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- 1. POL COUNSELOR CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRGEN FOR UN AFFAIRS, M.A. BHATTY, NOVEMBER 10 DO DISCUSS QUESTION OF INVITING PRG AND SIHANOUK'S GRUNK TO LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE. EMPHASIZING URGENCY OF MATTER IN VIEW POSSIBILITY EARLY UNGA VOTE, HE CONVEYED INSTRYCTIONS REFTELS (B) AND (C).
- 2. ON GRUNK, POL COUNSELOR STRESSED FACT THAT ALMOST ALL EAST ASIAN STATES SAVE CHINA WERE OPPOSED TO REPLACING GKR WITH GRUNK EITHER AT LOS OR IN UN ITSELF. BHATTY LISTENED CAREFULLY BUT SAID HE COULD GIVE US NO ENCOURAGEMENT ON THIS TTE. SINCE GOP RECOGNIZES GRUNK AS SOLE LEGAL GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA, PAKS FEEL THEY MUST SUPPORT THAT GOVERNMENT WHEN IT SEEKS TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL MEETING OR GROUP. THEY CONFIDENTIAL

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COULD NOT SEE THEIR WAY TO ABSTAINING.

3. TURNING TO PRG,HPOL COUNSELOR REVIEWED ARGUMANTATION PARA 3(A) REF (B). HE EMPHASIZED THAT WHAT WE SOUGHT HERE WAS NEGATIVE VOTE RATHER THAN ABSTENTION AS IN CASE GRUNK PARTICIPATION IN LOS. BHATTY REPLIED THAT PAK POSITION NOT YET FIRM. HE COULD ASSURE US THAT GOP WOULD GIVE OUR VIEWS FULLEST CONSIDERATION, ALTHOUGH HE FELT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO GO BEYOND ABSTENTION. HE PROMISED TO BRING MATTER TO ATTENTION FOREIGN SECRETARY PROMPTLY.

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